

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 10, 11 and 20 are amended and claims 9 and 19 are canceled by way of this amendment to clarify the subject matter of the invention. All pending claims, as amended, as well as the newly added claims are believed to be allowable over the references cited by the Examiner as discussed below. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for the present application is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 11-15, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ard.

However, independent claim 1, as amended, recites an imaging system that generally includes a support for holding an open bound document two opposing sides, a first and second cameras positioned to capture an image of the first and second opposing sides of the bound document, where each camera includes a separate high speed data interface for directly transmitting captured images from each camera to a memory device and/or a first and a second flash memory card, the first and second cameras being configured to store captured images to the first and second flash memory cards, respectively.

Similarly, independent claim 12, as amended, recites a process for imaging a bound document that generally includes positioning an open bound document on a support, capturing an image of the first and second opposing sides of the bound document with a first and a second camera, respectively, and storing images of the first and second opposing sides to: (1) a memory device via a first and second high speed data interfaces, respectively and/or (2) a first and second flash memory card, respectively, the first and second cameras being configured to store captured images to the first and second flash memory cards, respectively.

Such a system and process are suitable for high-speed scanning. In contrast, Ard is not concerned with speed. Rather, while Ard discloses a pair of cameras that can simultaneously the two sides of a book, Ard also provides “a buffer for storing the scanned information while the information from the other scanner is processed.” (See col. 4, lines 63-667). In other words, Ard sequentially processes and stores the captured images. Ard does not provide or suggest providing separate high speed data interfaces nor does Ard provide multiple flash memory cards.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 11 as well as claims dependent therefrom under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 6 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ard in view of Thomsen. Claims 8 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ard in view of Levine.

However, dependent claims 6, 8, 16, and 18 are believed to be allowable at least because the independent claims 1 and 11 from which they variously depend are allowable as discussed above.

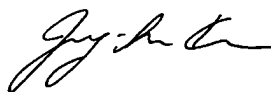
In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 8, 16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter accompanying this document is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 and/or any other relief is required, Applicant hereby petitions for any required relief including Extensions of Time and/or any other relief and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. **50-1217** (Order No. **GOOGP005**).

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